

Appendix 1. Comparison of rankings by the linear and categorical schemes and how these were combined to produce the (final) list of Bird Species of Special Concern in California (see Methods).

Taxon	Total Criteria Score	Priority Rank		
		Linear	Categorical	Final
<i>First Priority (22 taxa)</i>				
Fork-tailed storm-petrel	60.0	1	2	1
American white pelican	62.5	1	2	1
Wood stork	60.0	1	3	1
Fulvous whistling-duck	90.0	1	1	1
Harlequin duck	75.0	1	1	1
Mountain plover	70.0	1	2	1
Gull-billed tern	60.0	1	2	1
Tufted puffin	60.0	1	2	1
Burrowing owl	45.0	3	1	1
Island loggerhead shrike	70.0	1	2	1
Gray vireo	60.0	1	2	1
Purple martin	60.0	1	2	1
San Diego cactus wren	82.5	1	1	1
Bendire’s thrasher	70.0	1	1	1
Crissal thrasher	55.0	2	1	1
Sonora yellow warbler	70.0	1	1	1
San Francisco common yellowthroat	67.5	1	2	1
Summer tanager	50.0	2	1	1
San Clemente spotted towhee	72.5	1	1	1
Alameda song sparrow	70.0	1	1	1
Channel Island song sparrow	70.0	1	2	1
Tricolored blackbird	65.0	2	1	1
<i>Second Priority (24 taxa)</i>				
Ashy storm-petrel	50.0	2	3	2
Tule greater white-fronted goose	47.5	2	0	2
Redhead	42.5	3	2	2
Northern harrier	52.5	2	2	2
Harris's hawk	50.0	2	3	2
Greater sage- grouse	47.5	2	2	2
Mount Pinos blue grouse	57.5	2	2	2
Yellow rail	50.0	2	2	2
Lesser sandhill crane	40.0	3	2	2
Xantus's murrelet	50.0	2	2	2
Cassin's auklet	40.0	3	2	2
Long-eared owl	47.5	2	2	2
Short-eared owl	57.5	2	2	2
Olive-sided flycatcher	30.0	0	2	2

Catalina Hutton's vireo	50.0	2	0	2
Clark's marsh wren	47.5	2	2	2
Le Conte's thrasher (<i>San Joaquin population</i>)	55.0	2	3	2
Yellow warbler	40.0	3	2	2
Oregon vesper sparrow (<i>wintering</i>)	50.0	2	2	2
Large-billed savannah sparrow	47.5	2	2	2
Grasshopper sparrow	55.0	2	2	2
Samuel's song sparrow	50.0	2	2	2
Kern red-winged blackbird	50.0	2	0	2
Yellow-headed blackbird	50.0	2	2	2
<i>Third Priority (22 taxa)</i>				
Black storm-petrel	40.0	3	0	3
Least bittern	45.0	3	3	3
Brant	37.5	3	3	3
Northern Goshawk				
Prairie falcon	33.0	0	3	3
Catalina California quail	40.0	3	3	3
Snowy plover (<i>interior population</i>)	45.0	3	3	3
Royal tern	45.0	3	3	3
Elegant tern	45.0	3	0	3
Black tern	37.5	3	3	3
Black skimmer	42.5	3	3	3
California spotted owl	37.5	3	0	3
Vaux's swift	37.5	3	0	3
Vermilion flycatcher	45.0	3	3	3
California horned lark	40.0	3	0	3
California Swainson's thrush	42.5	3	0	3
Lucy's warbler	30.0	0	3	3
Yellow-breasted chat	40.0	3	0	3
Santa Cruz Island rufous-crowned sparrow	37.5	3	0	3
Bryant's savannah sparrow	37.5	3	0	3
song sparrow (<i>"Modesto" population</i>)	40.0	3	0	3
Suisun song sparrow	40.0	3	0	3
